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Flight review confirms Oct. 23 launch date

Thunderbirds to preview salute for KSC employees



◆ Shuttle Update:

Space shuttle Discovery's STS-120 mission now is officially scheduled for launch next Tuesday at 11:38 a.m. The launch date

was set at the end of Tuesday's flight readiness review meeting at Kennedy, which lasted until 8 p.m. The meeting included a discussion about concerns raised by the NASA Engineering and Safety Center regarding the reinforced carbon-carbon on three of Discovery's wing leading edge panels. "After a thorough discussion and review of all current engineering analysis, we have determined that Discovery's panels do not need to be replaced before the mission," said Associate Administrator for Space Operations Bill Gerstenmaier, who chaired Tuesday's meeting.

The STS-120 astronauts are scheduled to arrive at Kennedy about 12:30 p.m. Friday.

The countdown begins at 2 p.m. Saturday. On the three days before launch, the crew members will check out their equipment and flight data file, undergo medical exams and conduct a systems and weather briefing with the Ascent Team of flight controllers at mission control in Houston. Commander Pamela Melroy and Pilot George Zamka will also take suited and unsuited flights in the Shuttle Training Aircraft as rehearsal for landing.

◆ **World Space Expo:** The Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is hosting the inaugural World Space Expo event Nov. 1-4 to promote public sup-

port for space exploration. Additionally, an aerial salute featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will take place over the NASA Causeway. KSC and 45th Space Wing employees may witness the aerial salute preview from 1 to 4 p.m. on Nov. 2, with car passes (see your Space-flight Awareness representative) and supervisor's approval.

Tickets for activities on Nov. 3 or 4 are available at a discount price of \$15 per person. The purchased tickets **do include admission** to the Visitor Complex, special exhibits and appearances.

Everyone attending the aerial salute on Nov. 3 or 4 will be required to board buses at the Visitor Complex for transport to the NASA Causeway. No personal vehicles will be allowed on the NASA Causeway either day.

■ **Excess Is the First Source of Supply** — The KSC Idle Property Screening List is provided for the review of KSC excess government property located at the Reutilization, Recycling and Marketing Facility at Ransom Road. This listing should be reviewed for mission requirements prior to purchasing new property.

As different programs realign, serviceable property will become available. The Web site for the Idle Property Screening List is <http://www-lo.ksc.nasa.gov/property/idle/>. It provides weekly updates of property available for transfer to organizations within KSC for reutilization. The property is only available for screening for six weeks.

Each employee having a requirement for equipment is responsible for review-

ing this Web site on a regular basis. Once property is listed for sale, it is no longer available for reutilization. Questions should be referred to the Property Disposal Office at 867-7086.



■ Safety Isn't Rocket Science - Poster Contest for Kids

— This is a chance to have your family's artwork on an official NASA calendar, for all to see!

NASA's ISS/ Payload Processing Directorate and CAPPS will be holding the third annual safety/health poster contest for KSC (NASA and contractor) family members who are ages 4 to 12. The winning 36 entries will be reproduced on the 2008 "Safety Isn't Rocket Science" calendar. An awards ceremony and celebration for the winners will be held on Jan. 11 at KARS Park I.

Entry forms/poster boards will be available for pick-up starting on Monday from the following:

- ◆ Jeannie Ruiz, UB-E, SSPF/Room 3098C, 867-5833.
- ◆ Gloria Compton, 721S-S105, SSPF/Room 1018N, 867-5460.

Entry forms will also be available in the O&C/room 2071, and the SSPF in the cafeteria, room 3006, room 2048, room 2070 and room 2094.

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